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SUBJECT: STATUS OF PAPUA AGAIN AN ISSUE

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1. BEN SABUMEI, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DFRT, TOLD ME FONMIN KIKI IS RETURNING TO PORT MORESBY INSTEAD OF PROCEEDING TO WASHINGTON BECAUSE OF DISSENSION WITHIN THE CABINET OVER THE FUTURE STATUS OF PAPUA.

2. SABUMEI SAID SOME OF THE PAPUAN CABINET MINISTERS WERE RECONSIDERING THEIR POSITION ON INDEPENDENCE APPARENTLY IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FOR ALL OF PAPUA THE PRICE OF THE THEIR SUPPORT ON INDEPENDENCE.

3. HENCE, SABUMEI SAID, KIKI (AND THE GOVERNMENT) HAD TO BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT THEIR PUBLIC UTTERANCES RE INDEPENDENCE.

4. COMMENT: I DO NOT KNOW THE VIEWS OF KIKI (A PAPUAN) ON PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FOR ALL OF PAPUA, BUT AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE HE HAS NEVER
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SUPPORTED PAPUA BESENA IN ANY WAY ALTHOUGH SOME

OF THE OTHER PAPUAN MINISTERS HAVE DONE SO. HE
IS THE MOST OUTSPOKEN PAPUAN MEMBER OF THE HOUSE
OF ASSEMBLY IN FAVOR OF NATIONAL UNITY. WE ASSUME
KIKI IS BEING BROUGHT BACK TO SUPPORT SOMARE'S
POSITION WHICH (WE BELIEVE) IS IN OPPOSITION
TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FOR ALL OF PAPUA.
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